

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-6 and 14-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 7-13 and 16 have been cancelled.

Claim 5 has been amended to remove a period (".") from the middle of the claim and to remove the parentheses from the last clause.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

**Issues Under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph**

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph for being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In view of the cancellation of claim 16, this rejection has been rendered moot. Applicants note that claim 1 literally encompasses a multilayer film and therefore multilayer films meeting the limitations of claim 1 are still encompassed by the claims.

With the above remarks, Applicants believe that the claims, as they now stand, define patentable subject matter such that passage of the instant invention to allowance is warranted. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq.** (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

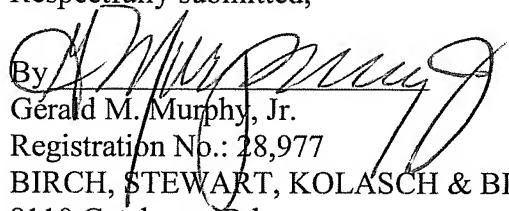
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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